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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MAPPING POSITION AT U.N. NEW YORK

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT TECHNICAL ADVISOR POSITION FOR SURVEYING AND MAPPING IN THE CENTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY, AND TRANSPORT UNSYG NEW YORK WAS VACATED ON MARCH 31, 1977, WITH DEPARTURE OF MR. WALTER P. SMITH OF THE U.K. IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR PRIME CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION WAS CYPRIOT GOC OFFICIAL, MR. ANDREAS CHRISTOPHI, CURRENTLY SENIOR LAND SURVEYOR, DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEYS, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. MR. CHRISTOPHI SAYS HE WAS THE FRONT RUNNER; HIS APPOINTMENT WAS ASSURED BY LETTER FROM A SENIOR UNSYG OFFICIAL. SINCE JANUARY TWO OTHER CANDIDATES HAVE APPLIED FOR THIS POSITION: HOTHMER OF WEST GERMANY AND KRENSKY (APPARENTLY FROM AN EAST BLOC COUNTRY). CHRISTOPHI UNDERSTANDS THE PERSON MAKING THE FINAL SELECTION IS THE YUGOSLAV, VLADIMIR BAUM, CHIEF, CENTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT.

2. WHILE EMBASSY IS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THE RELATIVE MERITS OF THE CANDIDATES, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHRISTOPHI BE GIVEN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. EMBASSY'S DEFENSE ATTACHE IS A PROFESSIONAL MAPPING SERVICE OFFICER AND BELIEVES CHRISTOPHI IS FULLY QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB. CHRISTOPHI HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE WITH US IN
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PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE DELICATE ASPECTS OF GEOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONS IN CYPRUS. IN ADDITION, HE HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN SUPPORT OF EMBASSY'S MAP PROCUREMENT PROGRAM. IF HE IS SUCCESSFUL IN GAINING THE UNITED NATIONS POSITION HE HOPES TO CONTINUE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. OFFICIALS.

3. EMBASSY'S DEFENSE ATTACHE HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY, MR. CHARLES ANDREGG, IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTOPHI'S APPOINTMENT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT QUESTION OF UN STAFF POSITIONS IS SENSITIVE BUT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY SUPPORT DEPARTMENT COULD GIVE TO CHRISTOPHI, BOTH TO HELP US LOCALLY AND TO PLACE A HELPFUL AND WELL-MOTIVATED INDIVIDUAL IN AN IMPORTANT UN POSITION.

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